

Flower Bearers

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Pall Bearers

Friends and Family

Reflections on I Corinthians 2: 6-9

I remind myself that life is living for God, each morning as I wake up.
I did not do that on my own as I heard the birds singing, the squirrels playing on the roof, etc.

There are so many things I cannot do on my own yet I'm doing them.
I enjoy the beautiful flowers bursting forth with all of their glory. Stopping to think of these things (that I take for granted) reminds me of God's wonder.

Wilhelmena Brown Lash

Acknowledgment

The family acknowledges with heartfelt appreciation
all the calls, cards, love and concern that
you have shown during her passing.
It is because of your kindness and God's love
that we are strengthened.
We ask that you continue to hold us in your prayers
in the days to come.



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Celebration of Life for
Mrs. Wilhelmena Brown Lash



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017
11:00 AM**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-EAST
700 NORTH HIGHLAND AVENUE
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA**

THE REVEREND PAUL ROBESON FORD, PASTOR/EULOGIST

OBITUARY

Mrs. Wilhelmena Gaynelle Brown Lash, 96, was born to the late Professor Thomas J. Brown and Mary Faison Brown on October 9, 1921. She was the youngest of four siblings.

Wilhelmena graduated from Atkins High School in 1937. She received her BS Degree in Elementary Education from Winston-Salem Teacher's College in 1940. Influenced by her aunt, Mable Faison Carter, she attended North Carolina Central University and earned her MS Degree in Library Science in 1947. She began her teaching career in the Caswell County Schools in Yanceyville, North Carolina. In addition to her teaching duties, she was a saxophonist in the traveling faculty band.

While living in Yanceyville, she met and married the love of her life, David Lee Lash, Sr. The couple was married on April 10, 1943. They moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina and Wilhelmena began working as a librarian for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System. Her husband passed away on April 11, 1996. The couple had been married for 53 years at the time of his passing.

During her career as a librarian, Mrs. Lash worked at Kimberly Park Elementary, Paisley Junior High, Glenn Junior High and Moore Elementary School. She was a dedicated librarian in the school system for 43 years prior to her retirement. She then volunteered at the Carver School Road Branch Library.

She was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church, where she faithfully served with the Sunday School, Senior Choir and Missionary and Women's Service Council ministries of the church for 84 years. She was a Golden Soror of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Wilhelmena Gaynelle Brown Lash was called home by God on Thursday, November 9, 2017, while resting comfortably at her home in Winston-Salem and surrounded by family. In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Thomas Leon, Macie Elizabeth and Eldridge Alphonso Brown; and a granddaughter, Lisa Clarke.

Those family members who survive include her children, Bonnie Lash Freeman, David Lash, Jr. and Allyn Kim Lash (William) Gillespie; two grandchildren: Colsaria (James) Henderson and Benjamin Lash; three great grandchildren, Caperton, Zion and Langston Henderson; a nephew, Clark Brown, Jr.; four great nieces and nephews: Carla Brown Rumph, Maurice Brown, Joya Brown and John Brown, Jr.

Prelude

Organist

Processional

Clergy and Family

Gathering of Family and Friends

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Ivy Beyond the Wall - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Selection

Choir

"Psalm 121—My Help"

Scripture and Reflection

Reverend Jocelyn Foy

New Testament Reading - **I Corinthians 2:6-9**

Reflection By Wilhelmena Lash

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Glen Pettiford

Musical Selection

Choir

"Prayer in One Accord"

TRIBUTES

Community
Church
Student
Family

Mrs. Lois Leggett
Ms. Kay Clark
Mr. Clevell Roseboro
Mr. David Lash, Jr.

Trumpet Solo

Mr. Leonard Foy

Eulogy

Reverend Paul Robeson Ford
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC

Closing Selection

Choir

"We've Come This Far by Faith"

Recessional

Organist

THE INTERMENT

Baileytown Family Cemetery
Walnut Cove, North Carolina